

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 468

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ann Deol of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ann Deol; and

WHEREAS, a longtime Nashville community activist, Ann Deol was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late Gladys Onita Johnston and Walter Guy Beard, Ann was born in Scottsboro, Alabama, the eldest of five children; she was raised in St. Francis County, Arkansas, and graduated from Wheatley High School in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, Ann married Woodrow W. Davis, who was killed in 1945 while serving with General George Patton's 3rd Army in France; in 1946, she attended Draughon's Business College in Little Rock, Arkansas, and married Melvin L. Deal in that city; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, the Deal family relocated to Nashville traveling on the maiden voyage of the L&N Railroad's "City of Memphis"; and in 1949, Ann attended St. Thomas School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, sons, James Patrick and Christopher, both deceased; son, Robert, and daughter, Margaret, were born to Melvin and Ann Deal; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Ann married S.S. Deol, and that blessed union produced a daughter, Jagir; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businesswoman who owned a television repair business and a dress shop during her career, Ann Deol served with distinction on a number of municipal and state boards and commissions for the State of Tennessee and Metropolitan Nashville, including the Tennessee Medical Malpractice Review Board, the Metro Human Relations

Commission, the Metro Beautification and Environmental Commission, the Nashville Enterprise Community Association, and the South Central Neighborhood Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, a respected community volunteer, Mrs. Deol gave of her time and talents to numerous cultural and charitable organizations, including the March of Dimes, the Nashville Symphony, Nashville Children's Theatre, and the United Nations Foundation in addition to being the founder and active member of the India Association; and

WHEREAS, an energetic campaign worker who treasured being involved in government and politics, Ann Deol was a frequent volunteer in the campaigns of Democratic candidates, including former Vice President Al Gore when he ran for the United States Senate, as well as for a number of congressional and legislative candidates; and

WHEREAS, an active Catholic, Ann Deol was a faithful member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where she served as leader of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Altar Society for many years; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Ann Deol was preceded in death by her sons James Patrick Deal and Christopher Jackson Deal, and is survived by her three children, Margaret Cronin (Michael), Jagir Deol Grant, and Bob Deal (Jason); six grandchildren, Jessi, David, Patrick, Holly, Christopher, and Clay; and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ann Deol leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ann Deol, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ann Deol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.